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1. SYG LUNS ISSUED PO(77)50 DATED APRIL 6, 1976 ON
THE EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN TURKEY, NOVEMBER 1976 WHICH
IS QUOTED BELOW:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PO(77)50

TO: PERMANENET REPRESENTATIVES (COUNCIL)

FROM: SECRETARY GENERAL

PEACETIME DISASTER ASSISTANCE
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EARTHQUAKE IN EASTERN TURKEY, NOVEMBER 1976

PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT A SEVERE
EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED IN EASTERN TURKEY ON 24TH NOVEMBER, 1976.
SOME 210 VILLAGES WERE LOCATED IN THE AFFECTED AREA. NEARLY
4,000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MANY THOUSANDS MORE WERE INJURED;
OVER 9,000 HOUSES WERE DESTROYED AND OVER 8,000 WERE DAMAGED.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF C-M(58)102
(1971 EDITION) THE PROCEDURES FOR CO-ORDINATING ALLIANCE

DISASTER RELIEF WERE PUT INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT. THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE WAS PUT ON A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR DUTY BASIS AND THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO HELP WITH THE WORK OF CO-ORDINATION.

3. THE AID GIVEN BY MEMBER NATIONS WAS VERY CONSIDERABLE; A FULL REPORT IS TO BE CIRCULATED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

4. THIS DISASTER SHOWED ONCE AGAIN THAT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS CAN RAPIDLY BE MADE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES TO DEPLOY MILITARY FORCES, INCLUDING AIRPORT SPECIALISTS AND MEDICAL SERVICES, TO THE SCENE OF A DISASTER AND THAT CIVIL EXPERTS CAN BE SIMILARLY MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN THE STRICKEN AREA. MOREOVER, CO-ORDINATION AT NATO LEVEL CAN FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES OFFERED BY ONE MEMBER COUNTRY BY USING MEANS OF TRANSPORT PROVIDED BY ANOTHER MEMBER COUNTRY. THERE MAY, HOWEVER, BE A NEED TO DEVISE A SIMPLER METHOD OF OBTAINING OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES, PARTICULARLY FOR MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT, DURING A DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION; THIS POINT IS BEING EXAMINED.

5. SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES PREFERRED TO OFFER THEIR ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF
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ORGANIZATION (UNDRO) AT GENEVA, KEEPING NATO HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE INFORMED VIA THE NATO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THIS PARTICULAR DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION WAS THE FACT THAT NATO AND UNDRO OFFICIALS REGARD TO SUCH MATTERS AS THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE RELIEF ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION. THESE INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH UNDRO ARE TO BE MAINTAINED.

6. THIS REPORT IS CIRCULATED UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 20TH APRIL IT WILL BE RECORDED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS NOTED THIS REPORT.
END TEXT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AGREE TO NOTING THIS PO UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE WHICH EXPIRES ON APRIL 20, 1977.
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